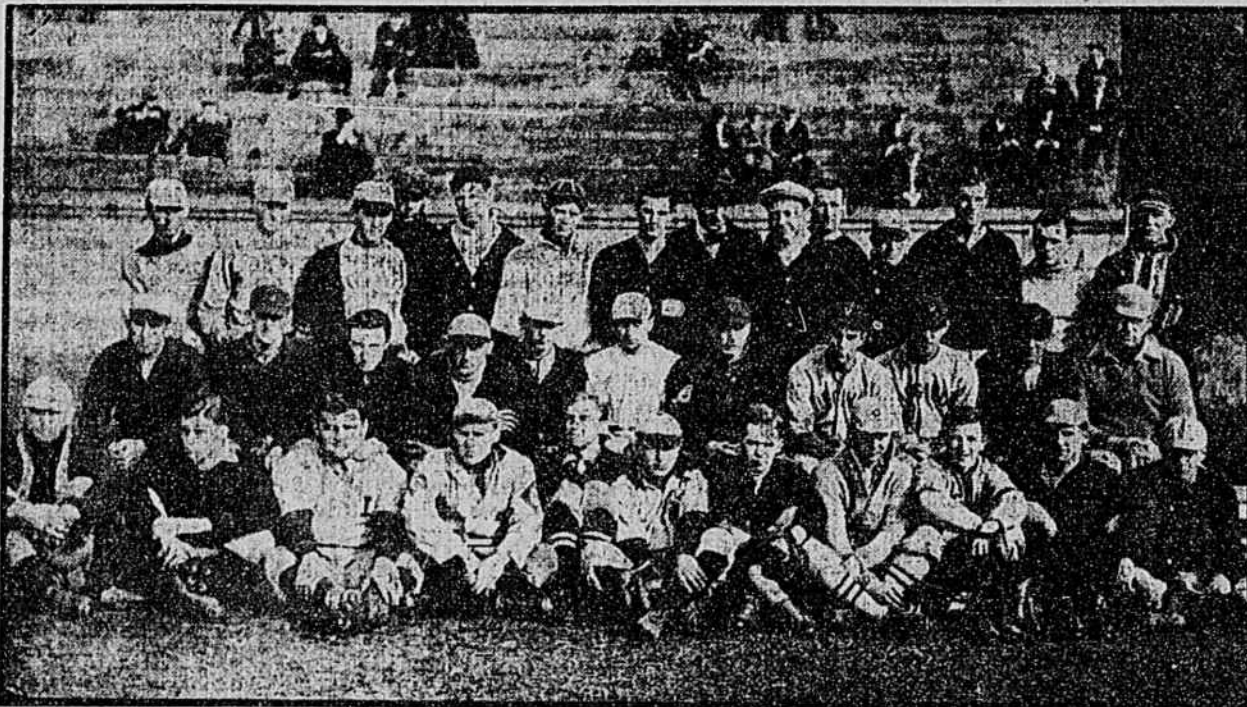


IN TRAINING AT CHARLOTTESVILLE



First squad pictures taken of Clark Griffith and his Nationals, of the American League, and the University of Virginia. Both squads are working out on Lambeth Field.

UMPIRES I HAVE KNOWN

William Brennan, of the National League, is a comparatively young man. He was born at Minneapolis, Minn., in 1881. After attending the public schools was awarded a scholarship at the University of Minnesota. Being a big, robust fellow, he naturally took to athletics, his first year making the varsity track baseball and football teams. After securing his sheepskin, he played semipro baseball, and finally drifted into the professional ranks, where he remained for two years with the Omaha Club.

At the beginning of the season of 1906 he was appointed a member of



by Fred Westervelt

President Norris O'Neill's Western League staff of umpires, where he remained until he joined the staff of the National League in the latter part of 1909. Bill was a success from the jump, his ability being so plainly demonstrated that he was one of the umpires selected for the world's series of 1911.

During the winter months he is the proprietor of an athletic club in Minneapolis, where he arranges boxing bouts for the benefit of its members.

Bill is very popular with both players and managers and encounters very little trouble on the ball field, although

he is given credit of being a strict disciplinarian.

Last summer, while working a game at Pittsburgh with Umpire Owens as a partner, he strained the tendons in his right leg so badly that he was carried to the hospital.

That coincidence set a new record for baseball, it being the first time in the history of the game that an umpire was carried to the hospital while being a participant in the game. Owens was hit by a foul ball, breaking his collar-bone. While waiting for the ambulance Bill was working alone, when, on covering a close play at second, he slipped and tore the ligaments of his leg. When the ambulance arrived it carried both umpires to the hospital.

Bill, although a very even-tempered fellow, doesn't like to even mention that coincidence, as was plainly demonstrated one day in Philadelphia, when Runt Walsh, a member of the Phillies, became peevish. Jack Sheridan and myself having an off-day, we decided to visit Hank O'Day, who was then manager of the Cincinnati club, and playing at Philadelphia.

Brennan and Owens were umpiring, when a close play came up at first base, and Walsh broke in with his comedy: "Bill," he said, "thought perhaps you strained another tendon, but it must have been a tendon in the eye," whereupon he was banished from the park. After the game Sheridan and myself both inquired about Walsh's remarks and were promptly informed that he became too personal in his remarks.

Bill has his share of this world's goods, having always been very conservative. He married after the close of the world's series in 1911, and built a home for himself and wife at Minneapolis, where he lives.

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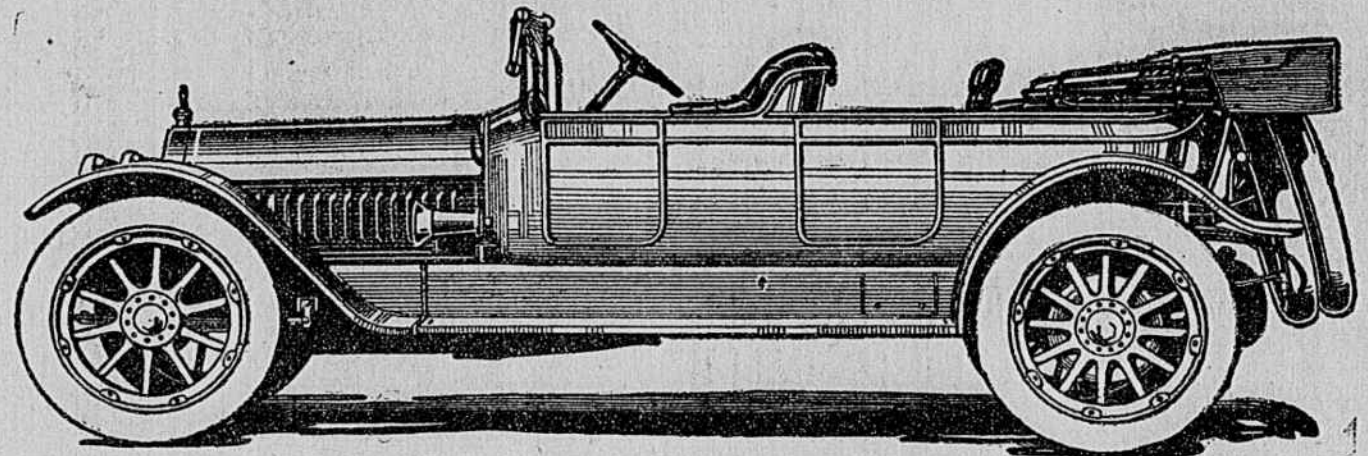
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NICK CULLOP WITH CLEVELAND TEAM

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bristol, Va., March 15.—Nick Cullop, the prize southpaw of the Cleveland

American team, now valued at \$25,000, is in the training camp at Pensacola, after a hold-out of several weeks. Cullop, who was induced to sign by Billy Doyle, the St. Louis scout, who recently went with Cleveland, shook the bluegrass seeds of Virginia soil from his sandals on Wednesday of this week and hied away to camp. He reported to Joe Birmingham on Thursday. Before another week he expects to be able to give the manager an exhibition of his ability as a pitcher. Cullop said: "I am not entering the American League to be a drone. I am going to ask for a chance, if needs be, and in the event the management does not give me a proper show, I will turn around and go straight back to my farm. I have every reason to believe that I will make good, and I am not afraid to deliver balls to Ty Cobb or any other of the batting celebrities."

Cullop is twenty-one years old. He

is noted for his perfect control and steady nerve, and for his good disposition as well.

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